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Were $2.00

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OUR WOMAN'S COLUMN

There are 100,000 more men in Egypt than women.

A ruffle on the bottom of a work apron well starched will prevent spots on the skirt below.

Some people are even piggy about their troubles. They won't give up the old and are always looking for the new.

There are said to be 20,000 less women than men in the state of Iowa, and the state is also short of school teachers.

When a widow succeeds in getting a bachelor segregated and pushed off into a corner he may as well throw up his hands.

A Chinaman always buys his wife, and if he has not the money to buy the one he wants he must buy a cheaper one.

How much pleasanter it is to talk about the great work we intend to do than to buckle down and do it. After all, talking is a fascinating pastime.

There are said to be 1,000 women lawyers in the country, not including those who lay down the law to you when you are twenty minutes behind meal time.

The old-fashioned tight-fitting corset covers were not to be tolerated for an instant, so clever wits set to work to envolve something that would fulfill the requirements and yet retain the beauty and the grace of the prettiest of the other styles.

Sarah Bernhardt was once interviewed by a reporter on the topic, "If there were an eleventh commandment, what should it be?" The tragedienne exclaimed: "Say to your editor that there must never be another commandment. It is hard enough to keep the ten we have."

Housewives should know that paper bags are made of a compound of rags, lime, glue and other substances mixed with chemicals and acids. When dry these can do no harm, but a damp paper bag is not fit to touch any sort of food. This being the case, no food of a damp or juicy nature ought ever to be kept in a paper bag.

The best way to keep the love of your husband is to make him hustle to keep your love. By this it is not meant to worry or try him, but instead to make yourself so charming, so fascinating, so interesting and really superior and lovable that you have all the other women beat to a finish.

"Alice Roosevelt weddings" are the latest. Residents at Foster Hall, one of the girls' dormitories of the University of Chicago, are planning to hold a mock wedding in imitation of the Longworth-Roosevelt ceremony. It is planned to copy the recent wedding at the white house as far as possible. One of the features will be a marine orchestra dressed in white in which feminine musicians of the hall will be the players.

The brand new coming girl, the girl who is to be created this Lent, and who will emerge from her retirement to startle the world, will have a big throat and will be extremely wide in the chest. There might be a poem written to the wide chested girl. She is so much pictured, so immensely popular, so beautiful and so statuesque. What is to become of the thin chested girls? No one knows. But they will drop off the earth in some mysterious way and be seen no more. Chests that were flat and narrow will grow full and broad, and there will be no more weak lungs. All the women will swell as to the chest.

The latest petitioner in bankruptcy at Peoria, Ill., is a hired girl. And although her calling is thus humble, she appears to have been something of a Napoleoness of finance in a small way, as she managed to accumulate some fifteen hundred dollars of indebtedness on a salary of four dollars a week. It seems surprising that any young lady could accomplish such a feat in finance but this is the day of strange things in business methods. After all this young lady didn't over capitalize her resources to a greater extent than many supposedly good business men have done.

At a recent meeting of the Mother's club at Muscatine, Ia., the question of race suicide came up and the discussion waxed fast and furious. One of the women, who is a social leader, declared that a mother could raise two children, a boy and a girl preferred, successfully and provide for them in a proper manner, while raising any more would hinder her and prevent her doing her full duty with all. Then this aroused a mother, who was a mother of ten children and she was strong in her arguments favoring large families.

THE FARM, GARDEN AND DAIRY

Short Pungant, Paragraphs Gathered Here and There

The farmers may never get their dollar wheat, but the man who is organizing them is finding plenty of dollar farmers.

The man who sells the best cows and the best calves out of his dairy is surely whittling with the blade of his knife toward him. He will be luckly if he does not get cut.

Congressmen from the rural districts get a little consolation from the fact that it will require more than an executive order to do away with the congressional free-seed distribution.

Millions of bushels of wheat have been exported from our Atlantic and gulf ports since last summer. It is the most prosperous season this trade has experienced for several years.

Despite the advent of the bicycle and later the automobile, horseflesh still commands a good price. The horse, with its knowing, willing and affectionate ways, will ever claim favor among the majority of the people.

When a buckster's load of turkeys sells for more than $300, and fifty mules sell at an average of $201.60, and thirty horses sell the same day at an average of $227.77, it makes the poor editor wish he was nothing but a "hay seed."

There are three times as many domestic quadrupeds in the United States as there are bipeds and in neither case are they all hogs, though some are. Some also are mules, but not all. Neither the hogs nor the mules use up to-date farm machinery.

What is to be done with the adominable beef trust? The figures show that while the price of beef to consumers is higher than it has been in years, farmers are getting less for their beef cattle to-day than they ever got since the record has been kept.

The state agricultural department of Kansas has just completed the footings of a census of that state taken in 1905, showing a population of 1,544,968, of whom 108,700 were born in Illinois, and showing a grain of 9,808 over1904. Of the entire population all but 177,000 are native born Americans. The negro population aggregates 51,000.

Colonel Morrison, of Spokane county, Washington, has 800 acres devoted to the growing of garden and flower seeds. He has been especially successful with sugar beet seed, and expects to grow 500,000 pounds of it this year. Part of this will be sold to the United States government. Turnip and radish seeds also do extra well in this locality.

Just stop a minute and think of the strength that is wasted drawing wagons that need greasing! Tug, tug, tug, till the horses are all tired out and the axel worn beyond repair. But don't stop with thinking about it. Go right out and grease the wagon, and keep on greasing it, here after, very often, It will pay in horse flesh and in good hard cash, too.

Never mind, young man. You are ahead of the boy who has every luxury at home. You are getting experience that he must get some how later on. Because, sooner or later he must fight the real battle of life himself. And you have the advantage. While life has been made easy for him, he lacks drill and discipline which every life-soldier must go through. You are preparing yourself. He may go in without preparation and fail.

How much money does the average farmer make out of a season's work? We do not mean how much net profit is left at the end of a season, throwing in the labor of the farmer and his sons in the fields and his wife and daughter in the house and poultry yard, but how much profit results after all labor is included at a fair value and a reasonable return allowed on the capital invested in land improvements, implements, etc. Farm bookkeeping should be simple, but it is important.

The Boy Who Works

Do you feel, young fellow, that you have a hard time? Your hours are long. Your task is hard and the wages small. The contents of your weekly pay envelope will scarcely carry you over the week. Sometimes you must wear patched trousers or a frayed coat. Your employer expects a great deal from you. Other fellows dress well and always have money. They have coddling fathers and mothers while you toil six days a week to make a living.

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CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENTS

Bishop McCabe Made Few Changes—Dr. Lightbourne Returned

POCOMOKE CITY, Md., March 19.—The 1906 session of the Wilmington Conference adjourned at noon after the reading of the appointments by Bishop McCabe.

The closing session was featured by a discussion of the temperance committee's report. It severely scored the Delaware Legislature because of passing an unconstitutional local option law. The Rev. C. W. Prettyman and others thought exceptions should be made in favor of several legislators who stood faithfully by the original bill and fought against its amendment. The resolution was adopted by a close vote.

Conference adopted a resolution directing the Bishops to select conference dates for the temperance cause. This was debated at length. Dr. Watt and Alfred Smith contended that all were subject to criticism for supporting an unconstitutional bill so alterated as to please the liquor interest.

The following are the appointments throughout the conference for the ensuing year:

Dover District—
S. M. Morgan, presiding elder.
Beckwith, J. R. Cannon.
Bridgeville, W. R. Mowbray.
Burrsville, A. A. Bichelle.
Cambridge, E. C. MacNichol.
Camden, E. H. Nelson.
Canterbury, Tilghman Smith, supply.
Concord, S. P. Shipman.
Church Creek, to be supplied.
Crapo, T. H. Jones.
Denton, A. C. McGillon.
Dover, L. E. Barrett.
East Newmarket, F. J. Corkran.
Ellendale, H. E. Truitt, supply.
Elliott's Island, E. W. McDowell.
Farmington, J. L. Sparklin.
Federalsburg, T. F. Beauchamp.
Felton, E. C. Sunfield.
Frederica, J. T. Richardson.
Galestown, J. A. Buckson.
Georgetown, H. T. Quigg.
Georgetown Circuit, G. S. Thomas.
Greenwood, L. W. Layfield.
Harrington, J. H. Beauchamp.
Hooper's Island, J. S. Boseman, supply.
Houston, D. F. McFaull.
Hurlock, G. R. Ellis.
Lakesville, W. F. Atkinson, supply.
Leipsic, R. S. Stephens, supply.
Lewes, T. A. H. O'Brien.
Lincoln, J. W. Prettyman.
Magnolia, H. B. Kelso.
Milford, G. P. Jones.
Milton, R. T. Coursey.
Nassua, W. P. Campton.
Preston, W. C. Stone.
Salem, W. V. Conway, supply.
Seaford, W. A. Wise.
Seaford Circuit, J. L. Johnson.
Vienna, C. W. Moore.
Williamsburg, L. B. Morgan.
Wyoming, J. F. Anderson.
Zoar, T. B. Barrett, supply.

Easton District—
W. G. Koons, presiding elder.
Bayside, Leonard White, supply.
Betterton, Robert Roe.
Bozeman, Milton McCann.
Cecilton, W. F. Dawson.
Centreville, H. G. Budd.
Chestertown, W. L. White.
Cheswold, E. H. Derrickson.
Church Hill, W. C. Poole, assistant: Henry Covington, supply.
Clayton, G. P. Smith.
Cordova, E. N. Cantwell.
Crumpton, O. T. Baynard.
Easton, E. P. Roberts.
Fairlee, J. K. Easley.
Galena, T. C. Smoot; assistant, A. P. Prettyman.
Galt, J. C. Stevens, supply.
Greensboro, W. O. Hurst.
Henderson, D. J. Ford.
Hillsboro, D. J. Given.
Kent Island, C. S. Baker.
Kenton, W. E. Hubbart.
Marydel, E. P. Collins.
Middletown, A. W. Lightbourne.
Millington, Edwin Gardner.
Neavitt, H. L. Williams, supply.
Odessa, W. E. Gunby.
Oxford, W. T. Lewis.
Piney Neck, W. V. Harris, supply.
Pomona, E. B. Taylor.
Queenstown, E. W. Jones.
Ridgely, J. W. Jones.
Rock Hall, Warren Burr.
Royal Oak, J. W. McCoy.
St. Michael's, G. W. Bounds.
Smyrna, Robert Watt.
Smyrna Circuit, Albert Chandler.
Still Pond, T. S. Holt.
Sudlersville, W. O. Bennett.
Tilghman's Island, W. R. Gwinn.
Townsend, F. C. McSorley.
Trappe, H. D. Stewart, supply.
Wye, Daniel Wilson.

Salisbury District—
Adam Stengle, presiding elder.
Annamessex, W. S. Epperson.
Asbury, H. S. Dulaney.
Berlin, G. C. Williams.
Bethel, W. E. Matthews.
Bishopville, F. I. Mumford.
Cape Charles, G. W. Townsend.
Chincoteague Island, J. B. Conaway, supply.
Claremont, E. H. Marshall.
Crisfield, J. P. Outten.
Deal's Island, T. R. Vandyke.
Delmar, Z. H. Webster.
Fairmount, E. L. Hoffecker.
Frankford, G. M. Hastings.
Fruitland, W. W. White.
Girdletree, J. W. Fogle.
Gumboro, C. H. Williams.
Holland's Island, L. T. McLain, supply.
Laurel, T. E. Terry.
Mardela Springs, W. H. Revell, supply.
Marion, Howard Davis.
Millsboro, W. H. Kenney.
Mt. Pleasant, G. T. Wood.
Mt. Vernon, V. T. Hills.
Nanticoke, G. R. Reese.
Newark, L. R. Janney.
Onancock, L. I. McDougle and J. F Ayres, supply.
Ocean View, D. H. Willis.
Parsonburg, F. V. Faulkner.
Phœbus, G. W. Stallings.
Pocomoke City, R. H. Adams.
Pocomoke Circuit, J. W. Briscoe.
Powelville, J. N. Gray.
Princess Anne, J. W. Colona.
Quantico, J. H. Geoghegan.
Roxana, W. B. Guthrie.
St. Peter's, W. W. Sharp.
Salisbury; T. E. Martindale.
Salisbury Circuit, J. W. Hardesty, supply.
Selbyville, R. H. Lewis.
Sharptown, J. H. Wilson.
Smith's Island, F. E. Bloxton.
Snow Hill, G. T. Alderson.
Somerset, O. L. Martin.
Stockton, A. W. Goodhand.
Tangier Island, W. D. Nutter.
Westover, J. H. Gardner.
Whitesville, G. L. Hardesty.

Wilmington District—
A. S. Mowbray, presiding elder.
Bethel and Summit, W. P. Taylor.
Charlestown, Harry Taylor.
Cherry Hill, T. B. Hunter.
Chesapeake City, C. N. Jones.
Chester Bethel, J. T. Prouse.
Christiana, W. G. Harris.
Claymont, J. N. Collins, supply.
Colora, J. D. Reese.
Delaware City, E. E. White.
Ebenezer, J. H. Mitchell.
Elk Neck, W. R. McFarlane.
Elkton, L. E. Poole.
Hockessin, G. W Burke.
Hopewell, F. X. Moore.
Kirkwood, to be supplied.
Marshallton, E. H. Miller.
Mt. Lebanon, I. G. Fosnocht.
Mt. Pleasant, J. W. Lindale.
Newark, W. F. Corkran.
New Castle, C. W. Prettyman.
Newport, C.W. Strickland.
North East, E H. Dashill.
Perryville, Asbury Burke.
Port Deposit, V. S. Collins.
Port Penn, J. A. Arters.
Red Lion, F. E. McKinsey.
Rising Sun, J. P. Otis.
St. Georges, J. A. Brewington.
St. John's O. E. Jones.
Station, E. D. Sharpless.
Town Point, A. C. Jones, supply
Zion, J. W. Mitchell.
Wilmington-Asbury, H. A. G. Westerfield.
Brandywine and Edge Moor, H. C. Turner.
Cookman, V. P. Northup.
East Lake, J. H. Gray.
Elsmere, E. A. Gillespie, supply.
Epworth, L. J. Corkran.
Grace, W. W. King.
Harrison Street, C. T. Wyatt.
Kingswood, J. M. S. VanBlunk.
Madeley, J. M. Arters.
Mt. Salem, F. F. Carpenter.
St. Paul's, C. T. Hill.
Scott, R. K. Stephenson.
Silverbrook, W. E. Greenfield.
Trinity, John Thornton, supply.
Union, S. N. Pilchard.
Washington Heights, W. L. S. Murray.
Wesley, G. W. Dawson.

Other Appointments—
Alfred Smith, temperance evangelist, member of Dover Quarterly Conference; P. H. Rawlins, agent of the Stewards' Endowment Fund, member of Seaford Quarterly Conference; C. A. Grise, superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, member of Middletown Quarterly Conference; J. W. Easley, president of Union College, member of Harrison Street Wilmington Quarterly Conference; A. T. Scott, editor of the Christian Companion of Grace Wilmington Quarterly Conference; H. W. Bolton, conference evangelist, member of Grace Wilmington Quarterly Conference; A. T. Scott, member of Felton Quarterly Conference, and J. M. Kelso, member of Onancock Quarterly Conference, left without appointments to attend some of the schools.

The Right Way

A certain farmer, when confronted with a few days' work of comparatively short catch-up jobs, writes out each evening a list of the things he means to do the following day, and then, as each one is done, he checks it off. He says that it gets to be real fun to see how quickly he can add another task to list of finished work; and then he can tell at a glance what is best to take up next. He has thus saved himself many a useless step running from one task to another.

Norway now comes to the front with a claim to have discovered a scientific means of extracting nitrogen from the air in available form for vegetable life. The alchemy which will accomplish is that which will put to shame all the stories of old time alchemy which purported to make gold out of lead. There is an inexhaustible supply of nitrogen in the air and if it could be liberated it would work miracles, but it is a combination lock which holds it and nobody knows the secret.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

Little Paragraphs That will Interest Every Member of the Household

Learn to swim and then keep in the swim.

It is estimated that a cent changes hands 150,000 times in the course of its life.

The British house of commons favors paying members of parliament $1,500 a year each.

The gross receipts of the Chicago postoffice for the year ending Jan. 30th, 1906, were $11,648,295.

"If women ran the government," asserted the lady with a mission, "they would speedily abolish all red tape." "No doubt they wou'd," growld the mean man. "And install baby blue and nile green and old gold and lavender tape in its stead."

Undertake bravely that which in your heart you desire to accomplish. The mistakes you make will help you toward success.

Japanese need not worry about their small stature. They look big enough to people who get into difficulties with them.

It would be a very impolite tax-assesso who would call at the Longworth residence with a printed list of the wedding presents in his hand.

An Iowa professor returns from the Philippines, and says that the natives have an innate aversion to work. Why not make United States Senator out of them?

Congress proposes to make a sweeping investigation of all railroads. One object for investigation is doubtless to ascertain why some of the railroads no longer furnish passes to congressman.

Among the modern institutions which Tokio will not adopt, is the sky scraper. In a country where they rock the babies to sleep by means of an earthquake, the forty-story building would hardly be popular.

It is estimated by the statistician of a leading European Almanac that John D. Rockfeller's wealth equals the annual budget of fifteen European states. His fortune in dollars and cents would form a double circle around the earth and if his wealth was transformed into pieces of silver, it would weigh as much as two fully armoured and equipped cruisers.—But is he very happy?

A small boy rushed up to a doctor's office and shouted, "Say, I want the doctor to come to our house right away." "Who are you?" asked the doctor. "Gee, don't you know me? Why we deal with you regular; we had a baby from here last week.

The merchant who gives the same attention to his advertising as he does to his sweeping, dusting and replacing stock will never argue that advertising doesn't pay. The man who argues that advertising doesn't pay is the man who would neglect to attend to it. No doubt if he would leave his store for a month without changing the goods, he would conclude that it doesn't pay to keep store. Advertising is an expense, but if it didn't pay large business houses would never expend thousands of dollars annually to push their trade.

It is more fun to see a man read a puff on himself in a newspaper than to see a fat man slip on a banana peel. The narrow minded man reads it over seven or eight times and then goes around to appropriate what copies he can. The kind hearted man goes around to the office and pays what he owes. The successful business man who advertises regularly, and makes money by it, immediately starts out to find the editor and the two walk silently down the street and the business man takes sugar in his'n and they both eat a clove or two and life is sweeter and peace settles down on their hearts for moments. Such is the experience of a mustard seed that falls on different ground.

It has been said that spelling is getting to be a lost art. It is not strange, perhaps, that persons whose vocations do not require much writing should be floored occasionally by words in common use, but what shall be said of school teachers who manifest that weakness? A few days ago the 350 school teachers of a county in Pennsylvania were subjected to a test in spelling. Only thirteen words were given them, all common words in general use. Only one teacher passed the test successfully. The words were auxillary, beek-steak, Tennessee, proceed, supersede, precede, picnicing, sieve, seize, siege, cylinder, succotash and desiccated.

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AN AMERICAN PRODUCT

In this country of ours as in no other on the face of the globe may it be said with truth that the boy of energy and spirit, no matter how disheartening his start in life may be, can find broad paths plainly blazed before him leading to the summit where honor, fame and competence cluster. This is thecase truly, no matter in which direction the ambition of the youth may lean.

This fact is forced freshly upon us by the announcement that John Green Brady, who has for nine years held the post of Governor of Alaska, and left a record to which he can point with pride, has resigned that position.

Surely the life starting of no American boy could have been moresadly handicapped than was that of John Green Brady. A waif in the streets of New York, homeless and penniless he was picked up as are hundreds of others by agents of the Children's Aid Society, who found for him a home in the West. This was his start, but upon that slim foundation he built a career that carried him through Yale College and Union Theological Seminary.

He never forget, however, the handicap of his start, and it was the work he was doing to aid other waifs to betterment, that attracted the notice of President McKinley to him, and in 1897 the latter appointed him Governor of Alaska, which position he held until his resignation.

It is but an instance, an item in current history making, this life example, of John Green Brady, but we feel like emphasizing it that our boy readers may catch the inspiration. Just such life histories always appeal to the wide-awake American boy.

FARMERS DISSATISFACTION

Grangers and farmers of lower Delaware are criticising the State Board of Immigration. Throughout Kent and Sussex counties there is a howl because the last Legislature passed an appropriation of $1000 to enable the Board to bring farm help to lower Delaware. They say the Board has failed to act. Governor Lee will be asked to explain the reason that the appropriation has not been drawn, and the effort made to obtain desirable farm help.

Governor Hunn two years ago in addition to appointing the State Board of Agriculture as the Board of Immigration also appointed a prominent German-American of Wilmington, to act in conjunction with Messrs. Slaymaker, Messick and Shallcross. The press in Germany was freely used in advertising Delaware, and when the immigrants reached Baltimore they were met by the agent in charge. Maps of the State and descriptive particulars were sent broadcast, and as a consequence 200 farmers have located in lower Delaware. The German farm hands have given such general satisfaction that the grangers are demanding hundreds more.

Members of the Board of Immigration say they have not received the appropriation.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

William Tharp, of Harrington, commander of the Department of Delaware, G. A. R., has issued the following order concerning the next annual encampment of the department which fixes the place for holding it and gives much information on the subject:

General Order No. 6 the 26th annual encampment of the Department of Delaware, Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Grand Army Hall, southwest corner Third and King streets, second floor, Wilmington, Del., on Thursday, May 3d, 1906. The encampment will be called to order promptly at 10 o'clock. Comrade William R. Wilhams of Post No. 1, is hereby detailed as officer of the day, and Comrade Lewis Cooper of Post No. 2, as officer of the guard. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. The commanders of Posts No. 13 and 23 are requested to detail two comrades each for guards for the day. The above details will report in full uniform to the assistant adjutant general at 9.30 o'clock in G. A. R. Hall, on May 3d.

CAUGHT AT LAST

After 15 days of liberty, which began Monday night, March 5th, and during which he has eluded the police both of Baltimore county and the city, Isaac Winder, sentenced to die on March 30th, for the murder of Tolgate Keeper Frederick Rhinehart, was captured at the point of the pistol Tuesday at 3 45 P. M. on the farm of Mr. Jefferson Shanklin, near Coch Haven.

Chief of Police Abraham T. Street, of the county force, made the capture alone, but he declared later that he would not accept one cent of the $500 which the County Commissioners offered to the captor.

The apprehension of the murderer came after a chase which began Monday at 5.30 P. M. and, abandoned Monday night, was resumed in earnest in the morning. From 11 A. M. the police under the guidance of Chief Street, were constantly on the direct trail of the fleeing negro, and he was caught only when he had become exhausted and was about to light a fire, beside which to sit down and eat.

[Communicated.]

FAIR PLAY AGAIN

MR. EDITOR.—Noting an article in your paper signed by Mr. J. R. Hoffecker, I was somewhat surprised at his severe arraignment of the Light and Water Commission. Now, let us consider a moment, what has the gentleman ever done for the town of Middletown? Has he ever served in any responsible position in the town? Has he ever done anything but pay his taxes, vote when he felt like it, and kick all the time? Is that fair play? I do not mean to reflect in any manner upon the character of the gentleman. I respect him as a gentleman and fellow citizen, but he does not hesitate in openly accusing the gentlemen who have so faithfully served as Light and Water Commissioners. Of graft, yes graft, when he asks if they are using light and water to the tune of $300.60 a year without paying for them. That is a very serious accusation, and I have looked for some defense of the Commissioners, but I presume that a defense was thought unnecessary. I asked above "what the gentleman had ever done for the town?" Does he realize what the commission has done for our town? Does he realize the fact that in the face of very many discouragements, failure of well after well, yet at no time have they failed to supply enough water to put out a fire. They have spent many weary hours in studying out the water problem and in skillfully financing their affairs in their anxiety to lessen the burden upon the town as much as possible. It is very easy to say these gentlemen should do thus and so Mr. Hoffecker, but could you or any other man do any better? Consider all the conditions under which they have worked. They have through the water plant saved the town from disastrous conflagrations more than once, and now some one says with holy horror "why these men dont pay for their light and water!" Terrible! terrible! just to think of it! The writer does not know whether they do or not, he does not care; it seems such a small thing, such an insignificant affair for any man to consider. Are not the gentlemen rather to be commended for not noticing unjust criticism, but are going along quietly and attending to their duties. I have heard of people straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel" and I think that is the situation in the mind of Mr. H. There are directions where improvement can be made, but time will demonstrate how they can be made, not by any sort of a Picayune criticism, but by a harmony of action. Stop kicking brother, and fall in line in commending faithful servants of the town they deserve your thanks, but perhaps you mean to thank them by your kicks, sort of Irish love taps.

FAIR PLAY.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Wallace Logue, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Ida Bouchelle is spending sometime in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, of Cecilton, were visitors in town Wednesday.

Mrs. George Murray and sons are spending some time with relatives in Milford, Del.

Mrs. Arch Buckworth and daughter spent a few days in Wilmington last week.

Miss Annie M. Hayes visited her parents at Bear Station, Del., several days this week.

Miss Marian Fillingame, of Earleville, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. George Loveless, Jr.

Mrs. W. T. Malster has returned to her home after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Anna L. Conrey.

Mrs. George W. Montgomery and son, of Baltimore, are visiting her sister Mrs. Z. T. Cooling, Jr.

Mrs. D. A. Jefferson and Miss Mary Boulden are spending a month at Atlantic City, and Bethlehem, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cooling visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Arrants, of Elk Neck, one day last week.

Miss Alice M. Boulden has returned after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. H. V. Manlove, in Laurel, Del.

Leroy Carhart and Joseph Bloor have returned to their home in Elizabeth, N. J., after spending sometime with friends in town.

The chimney at the home of Augustus Tatman's was found to be on fire Saturday morning, and the alarm was given, but no serious damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. William Queck entertained, in honor of their daughter Laura's twelfth birthday, quite a number of her young friends on Wednesday evening.

The Boys' Club held a business meeting at its rooms on Monday evening. Contributions of books, magazines, chairs, curtains and carpet that may be spared are solicited from the public.

As Frank, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fillingame, was playing at his home one day last week, he ran a broken machine needle in his knee. Dr. Clifton Laws was called in and cut it out.

As Charles Lum was feeding his stock last Friday, at his home near town, one of the horses kicked him, cutting his face quite severely and his physician, Dr. Laws, found it necessary to take several stitches.

"Maryland Day" exercises were held in by Chesapeake City schools in the Hall, on Friday afternoon at 2 P. M. The speakers upon this occasion were Dr. M. Bates Stephens, State Superintendent of Education, and Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, of Baltimore. Admission five cents.

The lecture given in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening, March 22d, by Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, D. D., upon "Paris, Versailles and Napoleon's Career," was said to be particularly fine. It is attractively illustrated and judging from the press comments was well worthy a good attendance.

BETTERTON READY TO BOOM

Betterton, in Kent county, Md., is getting ready to boom herself under her proposed new charter, application for which has been made to the Legislature. The town wants a sewerage system and lighting plant. Public walks and other improvements are proposed, and an association will be formed to foster the growth and welfare of the popular resort. Betterton's fame is spreading, and its growth within the past ten years has been marked. It is, besides, a shipping point of considerable importance. Its resident population is about 400, but in summer it exceeds 1500. Its five hotels and boarding houses can accommodate fully 2,000 people and they are at times crowded.

CECILTON

Oldham Davis has gone to Chestertown where he has accepted a position.

Miss Mollie Rickards has returned from visiting in New Castle and Philadelphia.

Messrs. William Davis and Robert Ferguson spent the past week in Annopolis.

Mrs. J. D. Boulden has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Wilson, of New York.

Messrs. Elwood and Howard Padley were the guests of Lambert Manlove on Sunday.

We are pleased to welcome Rev. W. F. Dawson back with us for another conference year.

William Morris and wife, of Wilmington, has been spending a few days with relatives in town.

Miss Alice Starr, of Baltimore, returned to her home after spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. R. M. Black

Mrs. S. W. Lusby and Miss Emma Lusby have returned from visiting relatives in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Mrs. and Mrs. William Start and little son James, of Kennedyville, spent Sunday with William Lipiscomb and wife.

Rev. William A. Coale has been spending a few days of this week in Easton, preaching at the Cathedral on Wednesday.

Fred Myers met with a sad accident on Saturday afternoon when he slipped on the steps at his home, breaking the same knee that was broken about a year ago. He was taken to the hospital in Baltimore on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Alderson regret very much to recall the invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Annie L. to Mr. Elwood F. Padley on the 28th inst. owing to the death of her grandfather, Mr. John Morris.

Mr. John Morris, one of our oldest residents, died at his home on Monday morning at 1.30 o'clock, the result of a sudden attack of pneumonia, about 78 years old. He was in the undertaker and furniture business and was a good citizen. His death will be regretted by a large circle of friends. Deceased is survived by a widow and four children, Mrs. William H. Alderson, Mrs. John Coppage of this town; Mrs. Thomas Van Buskirk, of Baltimore; Mr. William Morris, of Wilmington. His funeral took place from the house at 2 o'clock on Wednesday; interment in Cecilton Cemetery.

DELAWARE CONFERENCE

CHESTERTOWN, MD., March 22 1.—The forty-third annual session of the Delaware Conference, A. M. E. Church, convened yesterday in James M. E. Church, Bishop Charles C. McCabe is the presiding officer. Reports of the various presiding elders showed progress both in the increase of membership and church accessions, as well as in money raised for church benevolences. The official character of the various ministers being called, there developed several cases of investigation. The Bishop appointed a committee of inquiry. Dr. A. W. Lightbourne, pastor of Middletown (Del.) M. E. Church, of the Wilmington Conference, is here at the invitation of the Bishop to preside over the court of inquiry.

The Delaware Conference is one of the most intelligent bodies of colored men in the East, and numbers about 160 ministers. The sessions will be attended by a number of prominent speakers officially identified with the benevolences of the church, among them being Dr. J. T. McFarland, editor of the Sunday School Union; D. J. O. Spencier, president of Morgan College; Dr. James M. King, secretary of the Church Extension Society; Dr. Elwin M. Randall, general secretary Epworth League; Dr. W. P. Thinkfield, secretary Freedman's Aid, and Dr. A. B. Leonard, corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society.

Whereas of the 14th day of March A. D. 1906 at a meeting of the Stockholders of Pure Oil Steamship Company duly called and held at the office of the Company, Room 61, Manhattan Bldg., in the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, notice of such meeting and of the proposed decrease hereinafter referred to having been mailed to the address of each stockholder at least twenty days before the date of said meeting, it was voted by stockholders representing more than two-thirds of its capital stock that the capital stock of said company be reduced to the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars by the surrender by each and every stockholder of his shares and the issue to him in lieu thereof of a proportionate part of Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars of capital stock; and

Whereas the Treasurer of said Company did certify at said meeting that all debts of said company which are not otherwise fully secured have been paid and discharged;

Now therefore the President and a majority of the directors of said company do hereby make, sign and acknowledge a statement of said reduction in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware entitled "An Act Providing a General Corporation Law," and do hereby state that the capital stock of said company has been reduced in the manner above mentioned, and that the capital stock of said company after said reduction is Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, all Common Stock.

In witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 14th day of March A. D. 1906.

M. MURPHY, (SEAL) President.
W. W. TARBELL, (SEAL) Director,
N. H. WEBER, (SEAL) Director.

State of Pennsylvania, } ss.
County of Philadelphia. }

Be it remembered that on this 14th day of March A. D. 1906, personally appeared before me, J. Fred DeHart, a Notary Public of the State of Pennsylvania, M. Murphy, W. W. Tarbell and N. H. Weber, parties to the foregoing Certificate of Reduction of Capital Stock, known to me personally to be such, and I having first made known to them and each of them the contents of said certificate, they did each severally acknowledge that they signed, sealed and delivered the same as their several voluntary act and deed, and each deposed that the facts therein stated were truly set forth.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

J. FRED DEHART, Notary Public, Philadelphia, Pa.
J. FRED DEHART, Notary Public. Commission Expires April 15, 1907.

State of Delaware.
Office of Secretary of State.

I, Joseph L. Cahall, Secretary of the State of Delaware do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy o Certificate of Reduction of Capital Stock of the "Pure Oil Steamship Company," as received and filed in this office the sixteenth day of March, A. D. 1906, at 8 o'clock A. M.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at Dover, this Sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and six.

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WHAT WOULD YOU DO

BY TOM MASSON

Miss Beatrice Colton waited for her lover.

It was late in the afternoon, when the hum of the upper city was imperceptibly lessened. People had come home from their drives. Delivery-wagons were fewer. Dressing for dinner was the order of the hour.

In the back room, Beatrice's younger sister was taking a French lesson. "Javais-tu avais il avait" rose and fell monotonously. Outside, a boy, his voice shrill and tense, was calling an extra—All about the great investigating committee. Read the latest.

The butler came in to light the lights. Their soft, religious glow warmed up the spacious hall and the mirrored luxuriance of the massive reception-room, revealing everywhere rich colors, gleaming statuettes, wonderful tapestries, ancient carvings.

Miss Colton put down Spencer's "Data of Ethics," that she had been glancing over— for she was already familiar with its contents—and looked out along the avenue now growing dim.

A man was walking up on the other side. Opposite the house, he turned and crossed the street. He was tall and thin, almost ascetic in his look. His clothes were trim but not recent. He seemed very much like an ordinary person.

She recognized him at once. She knew he was coming, for he had telephoned half an hour before. She did not know why he was coming at that hour, but she gathered intuitively from his voice that his visit was important. She was fully prepared for him. She went herself to the door to let him in.

Good afternoon.

Good afternoon.

I owe you an apology for coming at this hour. I got away from the office early on the purpose to do so. I wanted to see you—alone.

She drew the portieres together. She led the way to an alcove overlooking the street. They sat face to face.

What is it? she asked.

Men sometimes take sudden resolutions. That is what I have done. I had convinced myself, it seemed finally, that I must never tell you how much I loved you. I had said to myself that I would hereafter avoid you—never see you again. Now I have changed my mind. And I have come to ask you——

He hesitated. He was watching her face.

You wish me to marry you.

Yes.

What made you change your mind so suddenly?

It was a direct question. She did not notice that instinctively his hand was drawn to his side where a moment before he had thrust an afternoon paper.

Beatrice, he said earnestly, meeting her gazed fully and fairly, that, somehow, involves a fuller explanation than it seems to warrant. I have loved you for a long time, in silence, with a certain miserable sort of hopelessness. I was poor and you were rich. This sounds melodramatic, doesn't it? But I don't intend it in that way. What I mean is, that if you were willing to marry me you would still have to keep on living in your present luxury, even if you did not care for it—this you could not help—and while I do not value money nor feel that it necessarily even ought to come between us, still it would be impossible to avoid this altogether. I felt that I should have to accept it. I might have to live in your house, surrounded by your possessions any one of which might represent my yearly income. And so I would have quietly withdrawn from your life. But now I feel differently. If I can make you happy, as I firmly believe, I feel that I can ask you to share with me what I have and that you may relinquish what you have. Beatrice, do you love me any—just a little?

She looked away.

Of course, she replied, you know that I must love you some, or I shouldn't have shown it to you at all, as I have done. But I could not marry you. I could not! Papa would never forgive me.

Does your father value money so much as that?

He values ability, force, generalship, and he believes that in no way, in this day and generation, is it expressed so well as in the financial world. The leaders of the world to-day are the great money-kings. You might be ever so good a fellow, you might be a good poet, a good musician, a good scholar and he would enjoy your society, but he would not like me to marry you.

You respect his opinion?

Absolutely. To me my father is the finest and highest type of man that exists in the world to-day. I cannot tell you what he has been to us all in our home life. He is able beyond words. As you know, he is a leader. I believe in him beyond any one else. I would not knowingly sacrifice one atom of his respect for me.

And I suppose if you married me you would be doing this—not necessarily because at present I am comparatively poor—your father was once—but because my ambition does not lie in the direction of leadership; because, in pursuance of certain ideals of my own, I should be entirely satisfied with a mediocre income through life rather than strive with all my might for the false and misleading power that a great fortune brings with it.

You have put it in your own way—you are a trifle unjust—still, that is what I mean.

Conway picked up the copy of the book lying by her side and gazed absently at the title.

You are a thoughtful girl, he said. I know that you believe in your father utterly, that he must unconsciously have influenced you, that you will be true to him always, for that is your nature—and I would not have it otherwise. I would not say anything to you that would tend in any way to make you disrespect his opinions—even if such a thing were possible. That is for others, but you know, Beatrice, men hold different views. Your father is at the head of a large corporation. He represents the money power. He believes in himself, in his methods and purposes. He has vast responsibilities. He fulfills them from a certain standpoint which is not the standpoint of others who differ from him. But, you know, it is entirely possible for a man of character and example, to wield a far greater influence than money can bring. You have lived in the money atmosphere. Look for a moment at the atmosphere to others—at Lincoln, Tolstoy, at the real leaders of men.

That is quite true. I understand it perfectly. But papa is both of these. Look what he does for others, at his philanthropy. And has he not earned his money honestly?

He did not reply. She looked at him earnestly. Her face flushed in sudden anger. Come! Do you deny it? Why was it that yesterday you determined never to come near me, and to-day you have changed your mind? Has anything happened? Something has gone wrong. Do you dare to insinuate anything—to say that my father is not an honest man, the very soul of honor? Who are you that you dare to make such a charge?

They rose together, fronting each other grimly in the dim light. His face was quiet and determined. Your father, he said, was a witness to-day before the committee appointed by the state. He testified for several hours. The papers are full of it.

What of it? He acquitted himself honorably. He could not do otherwise.

He testified that he had used funds, given to him by the people, for the purpose of bribery, that he himself had profited by numberless transactions that he had been engaged in by virtue of the great position he held. He justified his methods by the the statement that he was strictly within his rights, and he left the stand protesting that he had been browbeaten and placed in a false position.

But you do not believe that. You think him guilty. And you have come here to tell me so. You have come, a tale bearer, to peach upon his integrity, to forestall him in my love, to trick me into disbelieving in him, in order that you may bring me down to your own cheap level. I thought you were at least a man of some character and honor. But it seems not. Leave me, please; I never care to see you again.

He turned as he reached the door, and spoke. His voice, low, and distinct, filled the room.

I came this afternoon, he said, to tell you and to offer you myself—nothing more. You forced me to allude to facts that all the world knows and that you may know by standing on any corner. And that you cannot gainsay.

He drew forth the paper with the blazing headlines, and laid it quietly on the table.

I should have said no more than this, but you answered me by telling me that I was not good enough for your father; that because I had not even made any effort as yet to ingratiate myself with a clique of high-handed robbers, because I did not care to use the money of widows and orphans in order that I in good time might pose as a philanthropist, I was not good enough to associate with him. When I believed the money was honestly got, I could not ask you to leave it all behind you and come with me. The moment I knew that it was dishonestly got, I felt that the barrier between us was gone. The choice is yours. Live on in luxury if you wish, knowing that the money to indulge your whims and fancies was wrung from the poor. But never permit yourself to forget that the knowledge of your father's wrongdoing was what drew me at once to you, was what alone made it possible for me to come to you and ask you to be my wife.

The door closed between them. For a long time she sat there silently.

In the next room, the French lesson drew to a close. The professor said au revoir. The door swung open and the younger sister danced into the room.

Hello, Beatrice. It's over at last. Oh, my! I'm tired with those terrible verbs. You look solemn enough.

Beatrice drew her over on the sofa.

Mildred, she said, what would you do if all these things around us did not belong to us; if we had no right even to sit on this couch, if the meals we ate were not ours, if the money your French professor gets every quarter was stolen money? What would you do?—would you give it all up?—would you work for a living?

The portieres parted, and a man came into the room. His white hair was trimmed carefully back on a smooth, well-formed forehead. He stooped slightly, and his face was tired.

Hey, papa, exclaimed Mildred in a mad rush of words, what do you suppose Beatrice was saying? She said, What would you do if all this didn't belong to us—if we didn't even really own this couch we're sitting on, if the meals we ate were not ours, and if the money you give the professor every quarter was stolen money? That's just exactly what she said—yes, you did! Just as if I knew! Say, papa, what would you do?

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Common alum melted in an iron spoon is said to be a strong cement for joining glass, crockery or metal.

Cut steel buttons may be polished with powdered pumicestone, slightly moistened and applied with a soft brush or cloth.

An unusual but delicious salad is made by combining a sliced onion with a chopped tart apple served with mayonnaise or cooked dressing.

Bran water is thought by some housewives to be the best thing in which to wash fine silk stockings, as soap is apt to make the silk tender.

When bookcases are to be closed for some time sprinkle a few drops of the oil of lavender on the shelves to prevent the molding of the books.

To keep edges of comfortables clean cheesecloth strips a yard wide sewed over the edges of comfortables and blankets and changed with the bed linen insures cleanliness.

When flannel garments must be dried indoors by all means keep them away from the fire, or they will instantly shrink. Hang them in a warm room but never near the fire.

A serviceable addition to the invalid's work basket is a small horseshoe magnet fastened to a ribbon or tape of sufficient length that it can be dropped to the floor to pick up scissors or needles.

A vast amount of dusting is saved if damp cloths are spread over each register before the furnace fire is shaken. The dust arising from the ashes is prevented from going all over the house.

To clear carpets go over them once a week with a broom dipped in hot water to which a little turpentine has been added. Wring a cloth in the hot water and wipe under pieces of furniture too heavy to be moved.

The shine that shows a serge skirt or jacket to be no longer new can easily be removed by sponging the garment with bluing water, such as is used to laundry clothes. While still damp press the goods under a thin cloth.

In laundering white spreads or any large piece where difficulty is experienced in finding the large soiled spots a good plan is to fasten a piece of black silk thread to most soiled places. The spots can then be easily detected.

For a good cement mix the best powdered rice with a little cold water, slowly add boiling water till the right consistency is obtained, then pour into a saucepan and boil it for a minute. This paste is almost transparent, and well adapted for fancy paper work, for which a strong and colorless cement is required.

Did it ever occur to any one that the ash pan could be utilized to cook Boston baked beans. It may be used for Indian pudding or any other dish requiring long cooking. The ashes should be emptied, of course, from the pan, and the food has to be carefully covered so that ashes from above shall not drop into the baking pan. The plan has been tried successfully in one household at least.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17th, 1906.

Gentle and conservative people may think that the address of Senator Tillman on the rate bill in the Senate this week was characteristically fierce and somewhat overdrawn. But it has set a great many astute politicians thinking and talking and is likely to do much for the cause of effective legislation. It certainly ranged the Senator on the side of the President and shows what he himself claims, that the rate bill is not and cannot be made a party measure; that it is a vital piece of legislation and that if this congress does not enact wise and conservative legislation the voters will see to it that another set of men are put in who will perhaps be less wise and certainly far more radical in the measures they will take to control the roads.

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Senator Tillman spoke of his utterances as his own personal views. But it may be said that they are the views of a great many of both parties at the Capitol, some of them men who would do anything in their power to thwart rate legislation, but who when it comes to the pinch may feel that it is wise to agree that rate control is no party measure and that the time has come when the common people of the country are demanding a minimum of their rights and it may be well to grant them, lest those same common people take measures to secure a maximum of their rights by sending another set of men to Congress to legislate for them.

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The announcement that Judge Taft has for the present at least declined the proffered place for him on the Supreme Bench is not altogether a surprise. The Secretary of War knows that not only is there an immense amount of work that needs doing both in Panama and the Philippines, but that he has been subjected to much harsh, and he considers unjust criticism for the way he has handled things in those two corners of the world. Therefore while a seat on the Supreme Bench is a thing few men would lightly decline, he has decided to stay at the head of the War Department for some months at any rate. There is really no serious need for him to make a decision before next October when the Supreme Court reconvenes after the summer recess. Meantime the mere fact that he has not definitely declined the place will be enough to save the President a great deal of embarrassment from place seeking politicians scores of whom have candidates in reserve for the vacant judge-ship should there seem to be the least chance of their landing it.

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There is war and the rumors of war in the statehood situation. A conference of the House which might as well have been a caucus, has been called, and by a large vote it was decided to stand pat on the refusal to concur in anything the Senate had done to the House Statehood Bill. The Speaker led the fight. But for him, it is said that many of his followers would have been willing to agree to the Senate proposals and to have admitted Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state and either have left Arizona and New Mexico out of the question or have submitted the question in those territories to a referendum vote. But the Speaker said, for publication at any rate, that he would rather have the Senate kill the Statehood Bill altogether than to recede from the position the House had taken. How long this valorous opposition will be maintained is a question. The Speaker knows how to fight. And he knows also how to yield when it is obvious that resistance is no longer a virtue. So it is whispered that when it comes to a show down, the House will be willing to send the statehood bill to conference knowing in its heart that it will have to agree to admitting Oklahoma and New Mexico and nothing else. There is considerable opposition in Oklahoma to being tied up with Indian Territory but nothing like the opposition that exists in Arizona.

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One of the special commissioners sent by the Department of Commerce and Labor to investigate trade condition abroad has returned to Washington after several months of absence. He is Raymond F. Crist to whom was assigned the investigation of Japan and North China. It cannot be said that any of the views Mr. Crist has expressed since his return have been startling ly new. They are in many respects the same that have been voiced by lone and helpless consuls for years and years and which had about as much effect on American manufactures as throwing water on a drowned rat. Mr. Crist says that the reason American trade abroad is not in the same condition as the export trade of countries like Germany and Great Britain is because our manufacturers will not go after it. There is, he says in the northern part of the Orient as fine a field for American trade as could be desired, but our manufacturers are either ignoring it or pecking at it in a half hearted, unintelligent way. The lack of business, says Mr. Crist is more the fault of our exporters than of our consuls. The American manufacturer needs waking up to grasp the foreign trade opportunity before it is entirely absorbed by France, Germany and England.

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